CLAIMS

1   1.   A method for printing information comprising:

2   storing information corresponding to a print task in memory in a print-ready

3   format, the information in the print-ready format being configured for use by a

4   printing device such that the information can be printed by the printing device without

5   being processed by a driver of the printing device; and

6   enabling a selected portion of the print task to be printed without printing a

7   non-selected portion of the print task.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   providing a printing device; and

3   printing the selected portion of the print task using the printing device.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein storing information comprises:

2   storing the information in the print-ready format in memory associated with

3   the printing device.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   receiving an input corresponding to a user's intent to print only a portion of the

3   print task; and

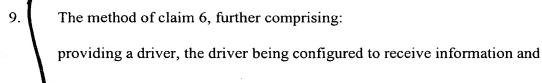4   enabling only the selected portion of the print task to be printed.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, further comprising:

2   receiving an input corresponding to a user's intent to print the entire print task;

3   and

4   enabling the entire print task to be printed.

1   6.   The method of claim 4, further comprising:

2   enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task to be printed.

1   7.   The method of claim 6, wherein the printing device has a user interface; and

2   wherein enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task

3   comprises:

4   enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task via the user

5   interface.

1   8.   The method of claim, 7 wherein the user interface is a graphical user interface.

1   9.   The method of claim 6, further comprising:

2   providing a driver, the driver being configured to receive information and

3   configure the information in the print-ready format, the driver being further

4   configured to provide a graphical user interface; and

5   wherein enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task

6   comprises:

7   enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task via the graphical

8   user interface.

1   10.   A print system comprising:

2   a job retention system configured to receive an input corresponding to a

3   selected portion of a print task and retrieve information corresponding to the selected

4   portion of the print task, the information being in a print-ready format configured for

5   use by a printing device such that the information can be printed by the printing device

6   without being processed by a driver of the printing device, the job retention system

7   being further configured to enable the selected portion of the print task to be printed

8   without printing a non-selected portion of the print task.

1   11.   The print system of claim 10, further comprising:

2   a printing device having a memory, the information corresponding to the print

3   task being stored in the memory of the printing device; and

4   wherein the job retention system resides in the printing device.

1 12.   The print system of claim 10, wherein the printing device includes a user

2 interface, the user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least the

3 portion of the print task.

1 13.   The print system of claim 10, wherein the user interface is a graphical user

2 interface.

1 14.   The print system of claim 11, further comprising:

2   a workstation communicatively coupled to the printing device, the workstation

3 having a driver, the driver being configured to configure information in the print-ready

4 format and provide the print-ready format information to the printing device, the

5 driver being further configured to provide a graphical user interface, the graphical user

6 interface being configured to enable the user to select at least the portion of the print

7 task.

1 15.   The print system of claim 10, further comprising:

2   a workstation having a driver configured to provide a graphical user interface,

3 the graphical user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least the

4 portion of the print task.

1 16.   The print system of claim 10, further comprising:

2   means for storing the information in the print-ready format.

1   17.   The print system of claim 16, wherein the means for storing the information in

2   the print-ready format is a disk drive.

1   18.   The print system of claim 17, further comprising:

2   a printing device associated with the job retention system; and

3   wherein the disk drive is a component of the printing device.

1   19.   The print system of claim 17, further comprising:

2   means for configuring the information corresponding to the print task in the

3   print-ready format.

1   20.   The print system of claim 19, wherein the means for configuring the

2   information is associated with a driver, the driver being configured to receive

3   information in a non-print-ready format and convert the information to the print-ready

4   format.